

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.)

- AGAINST -

ARAKI, SADA0, et al.

A F F I D A V I T

I, SAKI, Akio, do swear on my conscience that the following is true:

I am President of the Nihon Kamishibai Association. My company manufactures what are known as paper theater productions. Such productions are prepared on large picture cards with a story on the back of each, there being 20 cards to the set. These card sets were made for sale and distribution to travelling candy vendors, who would use the cards in attracting crowds as an aid in the sale of their production, and to teachers and nurses for use in entertaining and educating children and grownups alike.

Following the China Incident, card sets and stories to match became gradually of an ultra-nationalistic and militaristic nature, sets of this type being manufactured upon instructions from the Government.

In July 1941 upon instructions from the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, my company manufactured a set of cards, the story for which was supplied by the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, the set being entitled "Japan is Now Fighting" (Senso Shita Ironoda). This set, of which many thousand copies were made, depicts United States and Great Britain as being responsible for the China War, and that China and Japan must join hands, and Japan must join Italy and Germany to fight the United States. This particular set is a typical example of the type of card sets being manufactured for the government at this time. A copy of this set is International Prosecution Document No. 7117.

Following the China Incident, the Kamishibai became popular with adults as well as children and was used to a very great extent in the schools of Japan.

/s/ Akio Saki
SAKI, Akio

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the abovenamed SAKI, Akio, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 15th day of June, 1948.

/s/ Harryman Dargav
Captain, JAGC,